

but the thoughts and deeds of her great men are treasures preserved in history for the enrichment of our own lives." Dr. Botsford has prepared the present book as an aid to the study of this important subject, and has striven to make it so fascinating that the young student will be impelled to pursue his inquiries and reading much farther. To render the position of Greek material and spiritual achievement in the history of the world more intelligible, he has prefixed to his narrative a rapid survey of the histories of Egypt, Assyria, the Medes, the Persians, the Phœnicians, and the Hebrews. This introduction, though brief, is competent and serviceable.

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PROFESSOR GUNKEL'S LEGENDS OF GENESIS.

To-night I have finished reading Gunkel's *Genesis*.¹

What a thoroughly wise and entertaining book ; and what fine, glorious years are these, when ignorance and mystery are driven back to their dungeons ; and brave scholars, with courage, with no malice, with kindly eyes and warm hearts come to us, with songs of praise on their lips, and say to us : " My brother, this is the truth that shall make you free. Read it, love it, and pass on the glad tidings to all who come after us."

I looked through the index. A perfect joy. Reveals the whole book. A reader with a memory could pass an examination long after the perusal of the book by glancing through this illuminating index. Perhaps it should contain references to the symbols " P," " J," and " E" that mean so much to the novice.

It is often said that the German scholar cares more for thought than style and is a hard man to translate. I know nothing of Gunkel's German, but this English is clarity itself. Great credit is due to the author or the translator.

D. W. WILDER.

HIAWATHA, KANSAS.

ITALIAN CHARACTERS.

Our esteemed contributor, the Countess Evelyn Martinengo Cesaresco, a descendent of an aristocratic English family and by marriage an Italian countess, here offers to the English-speaking world a book entitled *Italian Characters*,² which may fairly be called a tribute to her adopted country. It contains the life history of eleven Italian heroes who played important parts or distinguished themselves somehow through their patriotism and loyalty to the new ideal of a united Italy in the epoch of its unification and political resurrection. The authoress did not select those men who were the historical leaders, Victor Emanuel, Garibaldi, Cavour, Crispi, but stars of second magnitude, victims of the old misgovernment, heroes of endurance, who, however, considering the intrinsic worth of virtue, are not less praiseworthy and admirable,—Castromediano, Ricasoli, Settembrini, Giuseppe Martinengo, Manin, the Poerios, Azeglio, Mameli, Ugo Bassi, Nino Bixio, and the Cairolis.

¹ *The Legends of Genesis*. By Dr. Hermann Gunkel, Professor of Old Testament Theology in the University of Berlin. Translated from the German by W. H. Carruth, Professor in the University of Kansas. Chicago : The Open Court Publishing Co. 1901. Pages, 164. Cloth, \$1.00 net (4s. 6d. net).

² The book has appeared in its third Italian edition. The English original is published by T. Fisher Unwin, London, second edition, 1901.

The authoress says in the preface: "My object has been to show the originals of my sketches, not classically attired on far-away pinnacles, but in their habit as they lived; to make them known as friends and familiars of the household. Some of them rendered help to their country which was rather essential than secondary; others only gave it the contribution of a high example. But it is well to remember that Italy was not made by two or three individuals of eminent talent; Italy came into being as a nation because in every province, in every city, there were Italians who preferred the wormwood of martyrdom to the bread of servitude."

She concludes: "My book, whatever are its shortcomings, was written *come amore spira*: a love not new, that will last while I live."

P. C.

UPLIFT THE MASSES.

AN ANSWER TO THE QUESTION, "HOW WOULD YOU UPLIFT THE MASSES?"

I would uplift the masses to a life
Of greater happiness, by giving them
Better protection by the Law's strong hand,
Speedier justice when they suffer wrong,
Help in misfortune, sorrow, and distress;
More of the precious knowledge that is power;
More of the training that fits brain and hand
To master Life's hard tasks and conquer peace.

And crowning all, I would uplift the mass
Of the world's toilers, by the mighty power
Of Faith and Duty realised in Deeds
That make the lowliest toilers heroes true,
As those whose fame-wreathed foreheads touch the stars.

CHARLES CARROLL BONNEY.

A NEW CATECHISM.¹

Mr. Mangasarian is the speaker of the Independent Religious Society of Chicago, and whatever flaws we may find in the details of his work we must sympathise with his radicalism and courage. The spirit of the book is characterised in the motto, which reads as follows: "We baptise the twentieth century in the name of Peace, Liberty, and Progress! We christen her—the People's Century. We ask of the new century a Religion without superstition; Politics without war; Science and the arts without materialism; and Wealth without misery or wrong!" Mr. Mangasarian quotes from Locke the following sentiment: "How a rational man that should inquire and know for himself can content himself with a faith or belief taken upon trust, or with such a servile submission of his understanding as to admit all and nothing else but what fashion makes passable among men, is to me astonishing."

The publication of the book is justified in the preface by the statement that

¹ *A New Catechism*. By M. M. Mangasarian, Lecturer of the Independent Religious Society of Chicago. Published for the Independent Religious Society of Chicago by The Open Court Publishing Co. 1902. Pages, 188. Price, cloth, 75 cents. Paper, 50 cents.